

May 8, 1962

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Ledesberg:

Thank you very much for the lovely letter and postcard. I have enjoyed reading about your experiences in your weekly letters.

The weather has been beautiful and the weeds in your strawberry patch have been doing fine. They appear faster than I can remove them. The thermodynamics & kinetics involved are all in their favor.

The canavanine has arrived so I am attempting to get resistant mutants. I am also trying to get a double mutant - so far no success. I tried U.V.-irrad. & Penicillin Selection of an ornithine strain and am now trying transformation

$\text{meth}^r \text{ orn}^r \rightarrow \text{Ind-Citrul}^+$

plate on Meth Cit
then look for doublets
by spot tests with
 $\text{meth}^r \text{ orn}^r$ DNA

Several of the ornithine strains appear to be linked to each other.

I hope you continue to have a wonderful time on the rest of your trip.

Sincerely,

Naruko

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